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## Workers Club Rejects D. S. T.

At a mass meeting, held at the City Hall, last Sunday evening, the Workers Club voted to reject the endorsement of Daylight Saving Time for the third time in two weeks. The matter of the Financial Secretary's salary was also settled when Mr. Cole, present office holder, was voted a yearly salary.

This meeting had been called especially to reconsider the original decision made by this organization, because this decision was claimed by the "daylight time" partisans as hasty. Last Sunday night, after a lengthy discussion, a motion that the Workers Club go on record as favoring the adoption of Daylight Saving Time was overwhelmingly defeated.

The matter of the Financial Secretary's salary grew out of the amount of work attached to the office; Mr. Cole, present incumbent, petitioned the Club that it grant him a reasonable salary. A change of the Club constitution is required in such matters, and consequently it had been referred to the Executive Board. Upon favorable report from this board, the petition was unanimously voted.

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## Shoe Factory Discussed With Gov. Winant

Mayor Feindel, in a visit to Concord, last week, discussed the Burtman-Rondeau situation with Governor John G. Winant. As this visit had been especially planned for the purpose of this conference, Councilman James Barnes, with ex-Mayor O. J. Coulombe and Gedeon J. Croteau, who represented the business men of this city, accompanied the Mayor and were present at the interview.

This committee presented the new proposed phases of this contract for the Governor's approval; these clauses were disclosed to you in the last issue of the Guardian. Governor's Winant's views on the project are very sympathetic, he agreed that this enterprise is very interesting, and would, no doubt, benefit the city. He stated that we could depend on him to do everything in his power to help us in getting the Burtman-Rondeau Shoe Co. to establish their factory in our city.

A complete report of the matter is now in the hands of Attorney General Francis W. Johnston; the Governor referred it to him to inquire as to the legality of any such proposition, where the taxpayers' money might become involved as in this proposition.

The committee came back after their consultation, very hopeful that the matter will be favorably settled. We hope to give you conclusive reports on the subject not later than next week. We have confidence that with the Governor's help, this contract will be signed.

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## Taxpayers Refute Attorney Bergeron

The highlight of this week's City Council meeting was the reading of a communication from the directors of the Berlin Taxpayers Association to the effect that Mr. Bergeron had acted unofficially when he presented a petition to have the City furnish funds for the continuance of the Taxpayers vs. Maryland Bonding Company which is at the present time before the superior court where it has been carried by appeal by the Bonding Company.

It appears that a clause in the constitution of the Taxpayers Association demands that the directors vote on any question before it is brought up, and that Mr. Bergeron acted without due power in his endeavor to raise the money necessary to fight the case.

Attorney Ryan also explained to the members of the Council the intent of a resolution to present a bill at the special session of the State Legislature, authorizing the City to borrow \$50,000 to finance manufacturing enterprises.

If this bill could be passed at the present session, the Mayor and Council would be empowered to raise any sum up to the \$50,000 maximum, by special taxation or by floating of City bonds. This bill has to be approved by the Legislature to countermand the effect of a state law which reads that no municipality in the State of New Hampshire may raise money to lend to business or manufacturing concerns. The Council voted to accept this report and refer it to City Solicitor Matthew J. Ryan, with power to present the bill at the present legislature.

## Barbers to Present Bill at Legislature

Five hundred barbers attended the mass meeting held at Manchester, N. H., and voted to place a bill before the State Legislature, calling for licences for barber shops and barbers of this State, for the purpose of "furthering the cause of sanitation and eliminating much of the so-called cut-throat competition now existing in the trade."

Messrs. Alva and George Boire, barbers of this city, attended this meeting in an unofficial capacity and stated to the Guardian that a law licensing barbers would benefit the members of the trade as well as the general public.

The course to be accepted by the local barbers on this question remains to be seen, but no doubt, they will accept the Convention's report at the next meeting, which is scheduled for the last Thursday of this month.

## Wages Increase Discussed With Brown Company

By Hugh K. Jr.

Club Meeting, May 15. The regular meeting of the Coos County Workers' Club which was attended by a capacity crowd, opened with a report from Mr. David Walsh in regards to the conference the latter and Mr. James Barnes, had, with Mr. W. R. Brown. Although the report was an unofficial one, Mr. Walsh felt that the Coos County Workers' Club should receive a report as it affects the organization.

Mr. Walsh reported that Mr. W. R. Brown had called them to get the views of the older employees on the matter of the organization's demands for higher wages.

Mr. W. R. Brown also told Mr. Walsh that only one or two companies in the northern district pay higher wages than the Brown Company. That one of the companies pays higher wages because it had accumulated a surplus during the war, due to the fact that they had not expanded nor paid high wages. As a result of which they had accumulated a surplus of \$8,000,000 which had now dwindled to \$3,000,000. Mr. W. R. Brown also stated that the Brown Co. would pay higher wages if it could, but was unable to do so at the present time. (The above is Mr. Walsh's report concerning an informal meeting held with Mr. James Barnes and Mr. W. R. Brown.)

At this time President Legassie rendered a report of the committee chosen to consult Mr. Paul Brown in regards to a wage increase. Evidently the Brown company officials' view in regards to an increase in pay is exactly opposite to that of the Coos County Workers' Club. Also that the Brown company officials stated that they have nothing to arbitrate about.

President Legassie was then instructed by the organization to proceed along the original plans to bring their difference of opinion before the state board of Conciliation and Arbitration.

President Legassie then insisted that the organization make a motion to instruct his committee to bring this matter before the state arbitration board. A vote was taken by the employees of the Brown company and they were unanimously in favor of proceeding with the matter in question. A vote was then taken by the members who are not employees of the Brown company. They were likewise in favor of proceeding.





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## LABRIE'S 1931 BOND

The Berlin Taxpayers Association has turned out to be another example of abortive public movements for reform and redress. The Association was formed with the idea of providing concerted action of the taxpaying members in safeguarding their interest. In itself it was a very fine plan. One taxpayer complaining about something to the Council or elsewhere has no weight or influence, and is generally "kidded" along. Action by a group through appointed agents is always more effective in that it commands more respect. Such was the purpose of the local Taxpayers Association.

One of the first matters coming within the purview of such an association was the matter of the Council's dropping of the City's suit against the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland for Labrie's shortage of 1931. The City did this for no apparent good reason and the only reason by fair inference at the time was that it was done to protect Labrie. This furnished a case for a taxpayers association to interest themselves in and this the local association did. It instituted along with other proceedings in the superior court to protect the taxpayers of the city against such a loss. The ruling obtained was favorable to the interveners but the Bonding Company appealed, as was expected, to the supreme court. The case had thus been entrusted to and successfully handled by an attorney selected by the directors with everybody satisfied.

At this point, the attorney, after the case had been entrusted to him, after the matter had been made an issue in a municipal election, and after the same directors had made it clear many times that they could not finance a case before the supreme court, endeavors to raise the money so as not to be forced to drop the matter and suffer a default thus rendering the plaintiffs subject to the payment of costs. He endeavors to raise the money in the most logical way especially after the public had voted in the election for the candidates who stood for the prosecution of the case and for the City to stand the expense. The nominal party in the case is petitioned to reassume the bare expense of defending the appeal so as to divide the burden equitably among all the taxpayers. The Council as was expected voted the request down although its own attorney made it clear that one hundred dollars would be sufficient. The purpose of the reference of the matter to the Council was to either raise an issue of having them do the right thing or else to expose them to public opinion and attract sympathy for the taxpayers.

The directors, because the matter was not placed before them for a direct vote, repudiate their attorney's action and dismiss him altogether, on the grounds that he acted without authority. It would be silly to assume that an attorney has to have a client's consent for every move in the conduct of legal proceedings after he has been retained. Dealing with the parties to such proceedings and looking out for costs is part of the attorney's job without specific delegation of power for each move. The complaint here is that the attorney has looked after the interest of the Association too well. But assuming that the attorney had no authority, what is the objection from the taxpayers' viewpoint? Why object to an action intended to save them the expense of a trial before the supreme court. Would they have refused the money had it been granted? They are without funds. To put it on that basis is absurd. A real reason lies behind the change of policy.

The responsibility for the complete change of front lies in the hands of a few who led the others into something that they

individually admitted that they did not understand. It appears to be a "tie up" with some in the Council. The latter contained a majority that is in an unnatural fear of having that case tried. At first it appeared that the reason was to protect John Labrie. He is now beyond the possibility of protection in that manner. It may be that they are protecting themselves now that Labrie is out of the picture, or else being stubborn. There are some on the board of directors of the taxpayers association that are closely affiliated with the Democratic Machine that controls the Council and the Hon. Eli J. King especially. He was not an original member or officer of the Association but now his policies govern the directors though they do not understand them. He finds support in Mr. Archie Larue who was disappointed with the Labor Party because he was disregarded and he aspired to the position of sealer of weights and measures. There lies the change in the Association's policies. Mr. King has acted as a "regular" in his party entering an appearance on the stand at most of the rallies and he is reputed as aspiring to the position of Postmaster when the time comes. He therefore continues to be of "service" to his "party." Mr. King's influence is further manifested in the fact that he succeeded in putting through a motion to withdraw the protest previously made against the City Engineer's so-called "double salary."

The significance of the matter is that it is an attempt to kill the proceedings by getting rid of the attorney that is responsible for them and to discredit him after he has put in his time to bring these same proceedings to their present stage. If the repudiation arose from anyone but the Hon. Eli J. King and Mr. Archie Larue it would have some discrediting effect. As it is one has changed fronts so many times that it is nothing new and the other is abetting the Councilmen who are very much opposed to the trying of the case because they "do not like law suits," as if the rest of the laymen did.

The action of the directors does not represent the view of the rank and file of the association and not even the real view of the majority of the directors that voted it without understanding what was done. They have individually so admitted it. As to stopping the matter it will have no such effect as the proceedings are going ahead just as before with the other parties.

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## On and Off The Main Stem

With Dr. B. U. L. Connor

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game and gazing at the boxscores he discovered that besides Gus' wonderful work on the mound, Stubby Jacques deserves a lot of credit for the convincing way in which he wielded that powerful stick of his.--And bless my soul if our talkative backstop did not lam the old potato for a couple of base-knocks.--Richards, Agrodnia, and George did not fare so well as the Lewiston tossers spiked our big guns.--Bucky Gaudette poled out the longest one when he slammed one out for three bases. Delorge, besides having 16 put-outs at first, made three hits in five times up. . . . All in all it must have been a swell ball game.

Why not play the Bucc a series of three out of five?--That would surely make the turnstiles click.--And one true baseball fan couldn't be kept away from the park.

The Berlin team has no games on tap for this week, with Lincoln scheduled for a week from Sunday.

## Chas. Levin Makes Offer to City

At a closed meeting held at the City Hall, Tuesday night, Mayor Feindel and his appointed committee accepted the proposition of Mr. Charles Levin, Industrial Promoter, and he will work toward obtaining new industrial concerns for the city.

Mr. Charles Levin, who has offices in Lewiston and Boston, has brought many industries to the city of Lewiston, Maine. He proposed his services to Berlin and agreed to

procure a certain concern, providing the City furnish free housing to the concern he has in mind; preferably the Lemieux and Oliver Mill. This company would employ 200 men and have a payroll of \$3,000.

Mr. Levin's terms are that if he obtains anything for the City, he will be paid a salary which will take into consideration the success of his enterprise, otherwise the City will pay him nothing.

## WAR VETERAN DIES

Philemon Desaulniers died suddenly at his home at 90 Hillside Avenue, on Monday evening, May 14. Mr. Desaulniers had been attending the weekly rehearsal of the Veterans of Foreign Wars drum corps when he was taken ill and died shortly after reaching his home.

He was born in Coaticook, P. Q., 61 years ago and came to New Hampshire as a young man. He entered the employ of Marcotte Brothers of Manchester as a tailor and remained until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. He enlisted in Company "C" of the First New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry and served with that organization until the close of hostilities. Upon his discharge he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and participated in the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion. He returned to the Eastern part of the United States upon his discharge and for a time was employed in Massachusetts. About 15

years ago he came to Berlin and opened a tailor shop.

Mr. Desaulniers was a past Senior Vice-Commander of the Peter McGillen Camp of the Spanish War Veterans, a Past Commander of White Mountain Post V. F. W. and a member of the Council of Administration of the Department of N. H. V. F. W. He was scoutmaster of the St. Kieran's Troop of Boy Scouts.

The deceased was married and is survived by the widow and a daughter. The services were held at St. Kieran's Church and interment in Cavalry cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.

## THE QUESTION OF LIQUOR

By Hugh K. Jr.

"ACTION ON NEW LIQUOR MEASURE DELAYED," so read the headline in Wednesday's Manchester Union. Perusing the article a little further we were interested to learn that our legislators cheered State Treasurer Charles T. Patten when he announced he was ready to reimburse them daily for their services. Under the law, he announced, members are entitled to receive \$3 a day for 15 days.

Although we do not begrudge the legislators the extra remuneration they are entitled to receive, we wish that they would not delay too long in passing a liquor bill satisfactory to the people of this state. It is very evident from the comment we have often heard that a satisfactory bill would permit the sale of liquor in restaurants and hotels.

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## PLEASANT STREET BEING REPAVED

The Central Construction Company of Lawrence, Massachusetts, has already started work on the repaving of Pleasant Street. The job is not yet fully under way as it is necessary to wait until the present work of the F.E.R.A is completed.

It is undecided how many men will be required for this enterprise. Two expert steamshovel operators from Lebanon, N. H., are the only two outsiders on the job. The others are all local men who were hired through the Federal Re-employment Bureau, on a qualification basis.

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—Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clarke who are rocking a bassinet these days, the infant was christened May 2—that's not his name—you sap.—SENATOR and petite SONG BIRD are still going places together—but WHERE?—I. S. Q.

Who is our young man about town inountainously endowed with AMBITION and ENERGY who delights in the absorption of this effervescent "EAU DE FRANKFORT" (Ky.).—Heard the ONE melody of our Maestro's band—it's full of BLUE RHYTHM and HOT SYNCOPATION—whattabout the THOUSAND others?—Pan-American boypal is having all sorts of trepidations of the heart since he and his LOVE parted—who sed so?—WISTFUL and DEMURE damsel from the wild west likes it here, but has a decided preference for Gorham—but mebbe she's kiddin' us.—Casual peep-in at the Armory, not so long ago, disclosed certain band-boys exerting themselves to the point of falling off the stage—and actually looked serious about it.—Whatsamatta with our street cars?—they obstruct traffic on busy nites—and you have to wait forty minutes when yuh wanna go places.—Just as if I'd ride in the bally old things?

Sweet young thing relates experiences in Sherbrooke with two lady friends—interlude beseeches personal interpretation—I'll spart you the HUMOR until you discover her.—A friend of a cousin of the wife of a nephew of mine sez that one lil' lady on Second Avenue really affirms dropping lobster salads on the floor gives them a savory taste—sounds fishy. Will yuh skip it?

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